

| Notice of Allowability | Application No. | Applicant(s) | |
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| | 09/671,770 | BLANDY ET AL. | |
| | Examiner Syed J Ali | Art Unit 2127 | |

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to the appeal brief filed September 30, 2004.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 3-7, 11, 13-17, 21, and 23-27, renumbered as claims 1-18.
3. The drawings filed on 27 November 2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
 of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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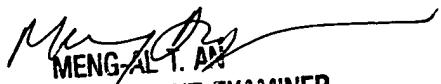
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5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
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 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 8/23/04; 9/14/04
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.


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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Francis Lammes (Reg. No. 55,353) on December 15, 2004.
3. **The application has been amended as follows:**

Replace claim 1 as follows:

1. A method of calling a portion of computer code in a multithreaded environment, wherein the portion of computer code is a Java method having an associated method block including a field that includes a pointer that points to a Java Virtual Machine (JVM) interpreter before a Just-In-Time (JIT) compiler is loaded, points to a JIT compiler routing `CompileThisMethod` when the JIT compiler is loaded, and points to a routine which calls a compiled version of the method once the method is compiled by the JIT compiler, the method comprising:

receiving a call to the portion of computer code;

determining if the portion of computer code is currently being compiled based on information stored in fields of the method block; and

redirecting the call to an interpreter, if the portion of computer code is currently being compiled.

Cancel claims 2 and 8-10.

Replace claim 11 as follows:

11. An apparatus for calling a portion of computer code in a multithreaded environment, wherein the portion of computer code is a Java method having an associated method block including a field that includes a pointer that points to a Java Virtual Machine (JVM) interpreter before a Just-In-Time (JIT) compiler is loaded, points to a JIT compiler routing `CompileThisMethod` when the JIT compiler is loaded, and points to a routine which calls a compiled version of the method once the method is compiled by the JIT compiler, comprising:

 a processor;
 receiving means for receiving a call to the portion of computer code;
 first determination means for determining if the portion of computer code is currently being compiled based on information stored in fields of the method block; and
 first redirection means for redirecting the call to an interpreter, if the portion of computer code is currently being compiled.

Cancel claims 12 and 18-20.

Replace claim 21 as follows:

21. A computer program product in a computer readable medium for calling a portion of computer code in a multithreaded environment, wherein the portion of computer code is a Java method having an associated method block including a field that includes a pointer that points to a Java Virtual Machine (JVM) interpreter before a Just-In-Time (JIT) compiler is loaded, points to a JIT compiler routing `CompileThisMethod` when the JIT compiler is loaded, and points to a routine which calls a compiled version of the method once the method is compiled by the JIT compiler, comprising:

first instructions for receiving a call to the portion of computer code;

second instructions for determining if the portion of computer code is currently being compiled based on information stored in fields of the method block; and

third instructions for redirecting the call to an interpreter, if the portion of computer code is currently being compiled.

Cancel claims 22 and 28-30.

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Syed J Ali whose telephone number is (571) 272-3769. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8-5:30, 2nd Friday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Meng-Ai T An can be reached on (571) 272-3756. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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